

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 31, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 9, 1/27/2017; SR 12, 1/27/2017; HB 76, 1/27/2017

Executive Action: HB 18, HB 43, HB 63, HB 115, SB 76, SB 130, SR 9, SR 12

00:00:54 Chairman Blasdel

00:01:08 Sen. Tempel entered the meeting, and Sen. Webb left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 76, Amend laws related to remittance of tax increment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:52 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:03:29 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:03:56 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:04:28 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:01 Ed Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:20 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:05:58 Rep. Hertz

00:06:15 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:06:42 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:19 Rep. Hertz

00:07:48 Sen. Barrett took over the responsibilities of the chair.

00:15:03 Sen. Webb reentered the meeting.

HEARING ON SR 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:55 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SR 9, Confirm Governor's appointee for State Tax Appeals Board.

00:08:20 Valerie Balukas, Montana Tax Appeal Board

[EXHIBIT\(tas22a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:08 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board
00:11:30 Steve Doherty, Montana Tax Appeal Board

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:27 Sen. Blasdel
00:12:51 Chairman Barrett

HEARING ON SR 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:59 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SR 12, Confirm Governor's appointee for Director, Dept. of Revenue.

00:13:21 Mike Kadas, Montana Department of Revenue
[EXHIBIT\(tas22a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:23 Harold Blattie, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:17:06 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:16 Sen. Blasdel
00:18:28 Sen. Blasdel resumed the responsibilities of the chair.
00:19:46 Recess
00:33:24 Reconvened
00:31:40 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18

00:31:50 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:32:04 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 18 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas22a03)

Discussion:

00:33:35 Sen. Malek
00:33:41 Jaret Coles, Legislative Service Division

00:34:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:34:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 18 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 43

00:35:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 43 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63

00:35:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 63 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

00:36:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 76

00:37:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 76 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

00:37:32 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 130 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:37:42 Sen. Barrett

00:39:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 9

00:40:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SR 9 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 12

00:40:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SR 12 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

00:40:51 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:41 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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